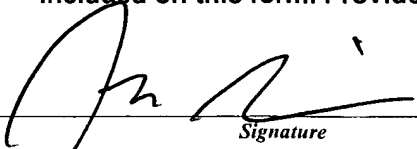



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INTERVIEW SUMMARY

Dear Sir:

Applicants' attorneys, Magdalena Fincham and Jason Skinder, spoke with Examiner Thein and Examiner Michael Cuff with respect to characterization of the cited references and the Examiner's understanding of the scope of the current claims.

Specifically, the Applicants' attorneys discussed USPN 6,285,986 issued to Andrews as the Examiner had applied the teachings of the reference to the claims in the Final Office Action, dated April 13, 2004. For purposes of brevity, Applicants' attorneys restricted discussion to the limitations of Claim 1. Applicants' attorneys requested clarification of the Examiner's characterization of Andrews and clarification of which sections Andrews taught or suggested the limitations:

- *Receiving buyer offer information, including an indication of an offer amount associated with the plurality of product categories*
- *Selecting, by an entity other than a buyer, a subset of the plurality of products for each of the product categories*

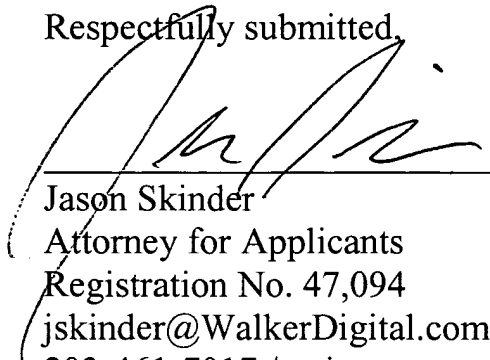
The Examiner stated that amending the claims to explicitly indicate the timing of the above-quoted steps would overcome the current rejections. The Examiners both indicated that the implicit timing of the steps should be made explicit by amending the “selecting” limitation to explicitly take place after the “buyer offer information” limitation.

Further, the Examiner stated that amending the claims to include a computer or processor to carryout the method steps would likely be required to avoid a statutory subject matter rejection.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this interview summary or the present application, the Examiner is cordially requested to contact Jason Skinder at telephone number 203-461-7017 or via electronic mail at jskinder@walkerdigital.com.

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